(b) As the matter relates to suicide, outcome of the investigation may indicate the circumstances.

(c) the Government of India neither offered her a job nor announcd any cash award.

(d) Government of India did not receive any request from her for financial assistance.

Analysis of India's performance at Athens Olympics

685. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to analyze the causes which were responsible for dismal performance of our 75-strong contingent at the recent Olympics at Athens;

(b) whether it is lack of well-structured organizational support, or lack of discipline or lacklustre role of the foreign and Indian coaches, or non-professional men heading various sports bodies; and

(c) how Government propose to gear itself on all fronts right now so that in the coming Olympics our sportsmen are able to achieve better results?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) During Athens Olympic Games, Indian sportsperon, Major R. VS. Rathore won a Silver medal, the first medal won by an individual sportsperson since India's independence. Over the years, the performance of Indian sportspersons in Olympics has been improving.

After Athens Olympic Games 2004, meetings with office bearers of the major National Sports Federations were held to analyze their past performance and discuss their future plan of action for achieving excellence in international events. The Federations were advised to ensure transparency in selection and improvement in quality of training so that performance of the Indian sportspersons improve further in the forthcoming regional and international events.

(c) Government of India, in addition to providing sports infrastructure, is taking the following steps to improve the performance of sportspersons in the international games:-

(i) Finalization & implementation of Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) for various sports disciplines in consultation with the concerned National Sports Federations, former international sportspersons and sports scientists experts.

(ii) Provisions of equipment and scientific support to sportspersons.

(iii) Intensive coaching of the players by Indian and foreign coaches in coaching camps.

(iv) Intensive training abroad to the teams all well Indian Coaches.

(v) Financial Assisance to concerned federations for participation of sportspersons in international tournaments.

(vi) Assistance for purchase of equipment, scientific support and training and participation within the country and abroad under the 'Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training' and the 'National Sports Development Fund'.

(vii) With a view to broad-basing of sports and scouting for talent at a young age, the Government is assisting Army under 'Army Boys Sports Company Scheme' (ABSC). In addition to eight existing ABSCs, ten more ABSCs have been sanctioned during the current year.

Measures for transparency in selection of sportspersons

686. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether considering the overall poor performance of the Indian sports-persons during the last Olympic Games in Athens, Government has initiated any measures to bring about transparency in selection, improve quality of training and performance of the selected sportspersons in the run up to the forthcoming Commonwealth, Asian and Olympic Games; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) After Athens Olympic Games, 2004, meetings with office bearers of the major National Sports Federations were held to analyze their past performance and discuss their future plan of action for achieving excellence in international events. The Federations were advised to ensure transparency in team selection and improvement in quality of training so that performance of the Indian sports-persons improve further in the forthcoming regional and international events.

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